

**Table 14.14-- COST OF LIVING ANALYSES FOR HONOLULU
AND THE UNITED STATES AVERAGE: JANUARY 1, 2001**

[At the U.S. National Average assumed consumption patterns vary according to income level. The Reference profiles for cost-of-living model rental (approximates the rental equivalent of owner-occupied housing) situations only. The Institute model may be considered as an evolution of the U.S. Department of Labor's "Urban Family of Four" model which the Bureau of Labor Statistics discontinued in 1981]

Category	\$10,712	\$24,000	\$48,000	\$72,000
Honolulu total	18,890	39,376	73,955	106,252
Rent, utilities	9,625	18,404	30,569	39,664
Taxes: federal, state, payroll	2,228	5,784	11,908	20,527
Consumables	5,478	10,041	18,758	25,131
Transportation	823	2,524	6,002	9,987
Health services	736	1,356	2,239	2,554
Miscellaneous	...	1,267	4,479	8,389
U.S. National Average	10,712	24,000	48,000	72,000
Rent, utilities	4,102	8,083	14,313	19,076
Taxes: federal, state, payroll	1,842	4,920	10,420	18,151
Consumables	3,532	6,678	12,401	16,693
Transportation	620	1,906	4,509	7,538
Health services	616	1,144	1,878	2,153
Miscellaneous	...	1,267	4,479	8,389
Honolulu indexed to U.S. average	176.3	164.1	154.1	147.6
Rent, utilities	234.6	227.7	213.6	207.9
Taxes: federal, state, payroll	121.0	117.6	114.3	113.1
Consumables	155.1	150.4	151.3	150.5
Transportation	132.7	132.4	133.1	132.5
Health services	119.5	118.5	119.2	118.6
Miscellaneous	...	100.0	100.0	100.0

\$10,712 assumes a single, minimum wage earner living with friends or parents, contributing partial rent (assume 23.4 percent or less of income spent on housing costs) and no automobile. \$24,000 assumes a single parent of one child in a rented apartment (900 square foot), holding one or more jobs, and automobile. \$48,000 assumes two adults (filing as married), ages 32, two jobs, one child, two automobiles, and renting a three-bedroom home (1,560 square foot). \$72,000 assumes two adults (filing as married), age 37, two jobs, two children, two automobiles, and renting a three-bedroom home (2,200 square foot) with two-car garage.

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